

Shalden Parish Council

Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shalden Parish Council

Shalden Village Hall on Wednesday 30th November 2022 at 8pm

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Shirvell (Chair), Cllr Orme, Cllr Stewart, Cllr Hartgill and Cllr Wilson

No residents attended

Also present: K Horton (Clerk)

1) Welcome. Meeting opened by Cllr Shirvell.

2) Apologies for Absence. Received from Cllr Kemp-Gee.

3) Declarations of Interest. None made.

4) Approval of Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 28th September 2022. No queries raised so signed as a true record of the meeting.

5) Matters arising from the last minutes.

a) **To receive an update from Councillor Costigan on the question of what reassurances he can secure in relation to improvements in the time management of processing planning applications.** Email response circulated. Due to the level of planning enquiries, disputes and appeals, EHDC is continuing to recruit extra planning officers. There is a national shortage. In addition, from April next year, the UK planning authorities will be able to charge planning application fees at whatever level they want - it is unrestricted. Cllr Costigan believes that there will likely be a two-tier system giving applicants the option to pay a larger fee for a quicker service. Cllr Costigan will confirm the pricing structure when he is able.

6) Public Session. No residents attended

7) To receive a Report from County Councillor Kemp-Gee. No report received but Cllr Kemp-Gee confirmed his availability to raise any issues to HCC if appropriate.

8) To receive a Report from District Councillor Costigan. No report received. Thanks noted to Cllr Costigan for his attention to the recent fly tipping of asbestos on Shalden Lane.

9) Village Hall Committee – update from Cllr Hartgill. The Committee are meeting next week. The Jubilee book is ready to go to the publisher. An article was published in The Villager confirming a good turnout for the firework display. Treasurer is in contact with the insurance company about the claim.

10) Parish Council Finances/Administration

a) Clerk's Report

i) **To provide an update on the HALC election training attended on 22nd November 2022.** Training had stressed the importance of publicising the elections (scheduled for May 2023) to raise awareness and encourage participation. Clerk confirmed that they would draw up a schedule for promoting the

event. Cllrs were reminded that should they wish to stand for election again, they are required to complete a nomination form

ii) **To confirm the date for the APM in 2023.** Date confirmed as Wednesday 29th March 2023 at 7:30pm

b) Finances

i) **To receive the current finance report.** No questions raised

ii) **Payment Schedule. To approve the following payments:**

- Clerk's Salary and Allowance for Q3. Cllr Wilson would like it confirmed whether the individual salary payments need to be approved as the annual salary has been agreed

iii) **To agree the budget for 2023/24.** Discussion relating to energy costs and visibility of Hall accounts. Discussion about carryover from 22/23. Cllr Wilson proposed the prepared budget for 2023/24 was approved. This was seconded by Cllr Shirvell and agreed unanimously by the other Cllrs.

iv) **To agree the precept for 2023/24.** Finance report on 22/23 and budget were considered. Cllr Wilson proposed the precept for 23/24 be set at £8,750. This was seconded by Cllr Shirvell and approved by all other Cllrs.

c) Correspondence

i) To consider a request from a resident of a neighbouring parish on siting a sign "Golden Pot" to reflect the physical location which has always been referenced on the OS maps. Cllrs noted that "Golden Pot" is marked on OS maps. Discussion on whether Highways would want more signage at the location with possible impact on sightlines. Cllrs also noted that development of the property is likely and it would be appropriate to wait and see what is confirmed for the site before progressing any request for signage.

ii) Councillors informed via email of the following:

- Citizens Advice East Hampshire open morning.
- Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan Partial Update - Draft Plan Consultation.
- Briefing of East Hants District Local Plan 2021-2040. Clerk has published details on website
- Minutes from East Hampshire Net Zero Carbon Workshop.
- Pre-submission consultation of Winchfield Neighbourhood Plan 2022 – 2037. Acknowledged receipt but no further action.
- CPRE Hampshire Briefing - Landscape Issues in emerging Local Plan.

11) To receive an update from Cllr Stewart on the Jubilee tree planting initiative and to agree on next steps for identifying areas for planting. Cllr Stewart noted that he had received no responses from residents to the emails requesting volunteers and help. No alternative locations to the Rec had been identified: Public footpath crosses the corner of the Rec and is part of a popular route to the garden centre. Cllr Stewart proposed using the 105 saplings to create an avenue along the boundary of the footpath. Cllr Shirvell confirmed he could attend to mowing the footpath area ahead of planting. Cllr Stewart will follow up with the preschool to see whether they would like to be part of the planting event.

12) Items for next agenda. Plans for APM

13) Date of next meeting – 25th January 2023, 8pm

14) Exclusion of the Public and Press. The Motion "In accordance with the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason

of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.” The exempt session is to discuss the Clerk’s annual salary review.

It was RESOLVED in accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. With reference to the Clerk’s annual salary review, the proposal from Cllr Shirvell was Seconded by Cllr Orme and approved by all Cllrs.

Meeting closed: 21.07

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Signed: A Shirvell, Chair of SPC

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